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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on 2.4.02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant did not amend the specification which appears to be a literal translation of a foreign application and replete with non-idiomatic English phrases, too numerous to mention, and thus do not lend itself to a clear understanding of the claimed invention. Similarly the claims were replete with non-idiomatic English phrases, and phrases lacking antecedent basis, thus rendering the claims indefinite. The newly submitted claims appear to be replete with the same language. Furthermore, applicant had not stated any claimed element not shown by the applied prior art. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin C Chin-Shue whose telephone number is (703) 308-2475. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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